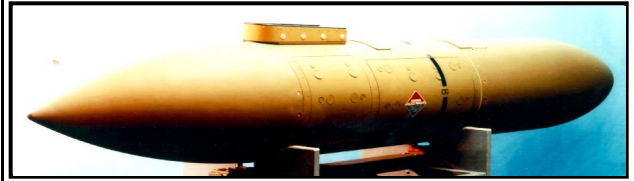


Acquisition Reform Success Story



AXQ-14 Aircraft Data Link Pod Modification

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Program Description

The AXQ-14 is a video and command data link pod to control the AGM-130 powered air-to-surface missile and the GBU-15 glide bomb. The AGM-130 and the GBU-15 are precision guided munitions currently available for employment by the F-15E aircraft. The AXQ-14 Aircraft Data Link (ADL) Pod is mounted under the F-15E aircraft fuselage centerline store station.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

Field commanders through AF/XO identified an “urgent and compelling need” for this capability. With a DX priority rating, the program office awarded a \$2.3M sole source contract within nine days.

| Measure | Reduced to: |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Statement of Work | 1 page |
| Contract Data Requirements Lists | 0 |
| Military Specifications and Standards | 0 |
| Request for Proposal | 4 pages |

Bottom Line: The effort modified existing Air Force assets to significantly increase capability and provide greater flexible response (doing it **better**), contract awarded within nine days of formal requirement; capability fielded two months later, five weeks ahead of schedule (doing it **faster**).

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